

## OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

It is important to ensure that your home is safe and accessible to trick-or-treaters. Here are some simple things you can do to make sure the evening is safe for children who visit your home on Halloween:

- Turn on your porch light.
- Instead of candles, use glow sticks or flashlights to illuminate Jack-O-Lanterns.
- Move lit Jack-O-Lanterns off the porch where kids get bunched up when they are trick-or-treating in groups.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard.



## DRIVERS BEWARE

Because you never know what creatures may cross your path unexpectedly on Halloween, please drive slowly - especially in neighborhoods and follow these tips:

- Don't use a cell phone while driving.
- Pay extra attention to the side of the road.
- Drive slower than the posted speed limit, especially after dark.
- Do not pass vehicles that have stopped in the roadway, as they may be dropping off children.
- Be on the alert for children crossing the street when driving through intersections.
- Never assume a pedestrian approaching the roadway will yield to your vehicle.
- If you are driving Trick-or-Treater's from home-to-home along the curb, activate your hazard lights to alert other motorists.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



## A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR A HOWLING GOOD TIME FROM THE :



**GRAND JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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**SCHOOL DISTRICT 51**

# MAKE HALLOWEEN A SAFE TREAT

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little troublesome. Concerns about children's safety - whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bags of goodies - can cast a spell on the festivities. The following safety tips will help ensure that Halloween will be a "howling" good time for all.

## COSTUME SELECTION

- **Be fire-safe.** Costumes should have a flame resistant or flame-retardant label.
- **Allow free movement,** but should not have baggy sleeves, billowing capes or other parts that trail or drag (and, therefore, could easily catch on fire if you brush against a candle or Jack-O-Lantern).
- **Provide clear vision.** Consider using makeup instead of masks, but if masks are worn, make sure the child can see straight ahead, toward the sides and bottom of the mask.
- **Be constructed of cardboard or flexible materials.** Props such as fake knives, swords, and guns should be made from materials to prevent accidental injury and avoid being mistaken for the real thing!

**Parents should check with schools to see if costumes are allowed.** District 51 requests that costumes be age-appropriate and not scary, taking into consideration all ages of children at a given school. Weapons and masks as part of costumes are typically not allowed at school.

**PLEASE TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE YOU SEND THEM OUT TO TRICK-OR-TREAT .**

**IF YOUR CLOTHES  
CATCH ON FIRE  
STOP  
DROP  
COVER YOUR FACE  
AND ROLL  
OVER AND OVER  
UNTIL THE FIRE GOES OUT**

## RULES FOR THE STREET

- **Decide** what adult or older teen will accompany the trick-or-treaters.
- **Trick-or-Treaters** should stay with the adult or older teen in charge and should not go into homes without permission.
- **Carry** a flashlight or glow stick.
- **Agree** on the route and stick to it.
- **Don't** let trick-or-treaters wander through yards or playgrounds.
- **Avoid** crossing major intersections if possible.

- **Cross streets** only at intersections and designated crosswalks; before crossing, look left, then right, then left again for moving vehicles.
- **Don't eat** the treats until you get home and an adult has checked.

## BACK HOME AND SAFE

- **Check the treats,** looking for any signs of tampering with the wrappers. Pay special attention to homemade treats. Don't let children eat these unless you know and trust the source.
- **Agree on what goodies** can be eaten and when.
- **Discuss anything** that troubled the children during their night out.

**CALL AUTHORITIES TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.**

**EMERGENCY: 911**

**NON-EMERGENCY: 242-6707**